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The books have been said to be, "the definitive martial arts books of the century," and "unparalleled among current martial arts literature."

Mr. Dillman is the chief instructor for Dillman Karate International, an organization of over 85 schools worldwide, with an enrollment of nearly 15,000 students. He has studied under five 10th degree black belts from Okinawa and is currently furthering his personal study through research, practice, and the sharing of techniques.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great honor to pay tribute to this extraordinary man. George A. Dillman is a genius of the martial arts world.

USS "RONALD REAGAN"

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, next year, an important event takes place for the U.S. Navy. It is the commissioning of the aircraft carrier, *USS Ronald Reagan*.

Since leaving office, President Reagan has been honored in many ways for his remarkable legacy as our Nation's 40th President. Across the Potomac River is Ronald Reagan National Airport and down Pennsylvania Avenue stands the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Throughout the Nation there are a number of other buildings and structures honoring the man credited with bringing down the Berlin Wall. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to world peace, contributions that will manifest themselves for many years to come.

But, Mr. Speaker, I can only assume that few honors means as much to President Reagan as the naming of a naval vessel as mighty as this one that will navigate the oceans protecting the ideals and values that he embraced and cherished.

Mr. Speaker, I hope to attend the commissioning next year, the final ceremonial exercise before the ship begins her long and, what will certainly be, illustrious voyage. As much as I look forward to this event, I am equally disappointed that I cannot attend a special ceremony today in Newport News, VA, aboard the *USS Ronald Reagan*.

A close friend and former constituent of mine, Chas Fagan, will present to the ship a bust of President Reagan. A highly talented artist and native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fagan was commissioned to create the artwork of the former President, which will be placed in the ship's museum room located in the quarterdeck. The likeness is strikingly clear, capturing the President's confident expression that came to epitomize America's renaissance as the defender of the free world.

The bust, itself, is a profile of the President affixed to a piece of the Berlin Wall. The juxtaposition of the bust and Berlin Wall symbolize President Reagan's greatest legacy: the collapse of the Iron Curtain and reunification of Europe. It is a legacy matched by few individuals throughout the course of human history.

Mr. Speaker, the work of Chas Fagan covers many mediums and genres. As you know, each year in Washington, 2,000 national fire and emergency services leaders assemble together in Washington for the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Mr. Fagan has often been commissioned to do a painting of the fire service, capturing the essence of heroism in this country. His work is without equal, receiving accolades for its realism and emotional energy. His latest title, "Protecting Our Nation," was recently featured on the front cover of *Firehouse Magazine*, the largest fire service publication in the world.

Art plays such a vital role in recording human history, and Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Chas Fagan for doing his part in perpetuating the legacy of a truly great American icon, President Ronald Reagan. And to the sailors serving abroad the *USS Ronald Reagan*, I bid them good luck and God speed.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL "DAN" GROSSMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002—

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the achievements of an outstanding member of the Colorado State Legislature, and thank him for all that he has done for the state. After three terms in the Colorado House of Representatives, Dan Grossman is leaving the House in order to pursue other opportunities, and I can think of no better way to thank Dan for his many years of service, than to bring his many accomplishments to light in front of this body of Congress.

A Colorado native, Dan was born in Denver, where he also attended high school. He then received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas, and his Jurist Doctorate from Denver College of Law. Dan is currently a corporate attorney for Tele Tech Holdings, Inc.

Dan was first elected to the house in 1996, and has since served on countless committees, working to improve the lives of those in Denver and in Arapahoe County. He has served diligently on the Judiciary, Agricultural, Livestock and Natural Resources Committees and is currently serving on the Executive Committee and the Veterans and Military affairs committee. Dan also served as the House Minority Leader for the 2001 and 2002 legislative sessions. During his time in the House, he has passionately dedicated himself to the issues of growth management, the environment, education and crime reduction.

Dan's compassion and philanthropic spirit goes beyond the walls of his office, and has touched the lives of many Coloradans. He is a member of the anti-defamation League, the Civil Rights Committee, Colorado Common Cause, is a former board member of the Democratic Leadership Council, and is also involved in his temple, Temple Emanuel. A true Coloradan, Dan spends his free time outdoors, running, skiing, and biking.

Mr. Speaker, I am positive that Dan's colleagues and constituents will sorely miss the leadership and compassion that he consistently gave to the State of Colorado, and I

thank him for all that he has done for the state. I am honored to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress, and wish him all the best in the future. His hard work and dedication truly embodies the spirit of the State, and it is with a great deal of pride that I thank him for his many years of public service.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member would like to highlight the important work of the Trade Development Agency (TDA). The TDA is an independent U.S. Government Agency that promotes U.S. exports in long-term, commercially sustainable projects in developing countries. Additionally, the TDA is unique because it is small, flexible, and can respond quickly. As a result, TDA is one of the first agencies to enter new markets. Moreover, TDA also makes the host country an important part of identifying priority developmental needs.

The TDA funds various forms of technical assistance, training grants, feasibility studies, orientation visits, and business workshops. To illustrate their work, in September of this year, TDA signed a grant with the National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration in the People's Republic of China for \$244,200. The Grantee selected Valmont Industries, Inc., a Nebraska company, to be the contractor for this study. The goal of the study is to help prevent and reduce desertification in Western China, thereby improving the air quality in Beijing and other Western areas and improving the areas immediately surrounding the desert. The study will examine Valmont's pivot irrigation technologies and how they can be utilized to best prevent the desert from expanding.

Furthermore, under the administration of President Bush, the Director of the TDA has refocused its priorities so that program activities support important policy initiatives and objectives, such as reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. For example, TDA continues its cooperation with Afghan officials to address infrastructure, pipeline, airport, hotel development and telecommunications initiatives.

Another priority of the TDA is to support program activities in Africa. To demonstrate this, in October 2001, President Bush announced the establishment of an Africa Regional Trade Development Office under TDA. In July 2002, TDA opened an office in South Africa, which will help develop infrastructure and trade opportunities for the continent. For instance, in Nigeria, TDA allocated funds for the development of fertilizer production, power generation and agricultural irrigation.

It has come to my attention that the demand for TDA's services during FY2002 has been tremendous. Moreover, in light of priorities such as Afghanistan, the demands on TDA are expected to increase in FY2003.

Mr. Speaker, a little money goes a long way at TDA. As a result, this Member urges his colleagues to continue to support TDA.